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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William von Raab
                  Commissioner of Customs
                  Department of the Treasury

SUBJECT: Narcotics Intelligence Collection Program   25X1

DHS review completed.

1. Of the broad range of global issues which have strategic impact on US interests, the international narcotics question urges the closest interaction between the Intelligence Community and the law enforcement community—both of which have legitimate functions with regard to monitoring and countering international narcotics trafficking and production. Over the past months, both communities have made steady progress in developing recommendations for bridging intelligence gaps and for more effective management of intelligence resources.   25X1

2. Nevertheless, considerable work remains to be done, especially within the Intelligence Community, if we are to ensure that the several analytic components involved in the narcotics intelligence process receive all information available in a consistent and systematic manner. Nowhere is the question of dissemination more vital than in the complex and difficult area of illicit financial flows related to narcotics activities. As you know, both the operational and analytic elements of the Central Intelligence Agency are increasing their emphasis on narcotics-related illicit financial flows and on the gray economies supported by narcotics activities in producer countries.   25X1

3. I wish personally to add my encouragement to the efforts of the US Customs Service to reinforce the analytical and operational relationships with the Central Intelligence Agency, both in the field and at the headquarters level. I am also aware of your personal commitment to this endeavor and of Customs' direct participation in the interagency intelligence fora concerned with narcotics intelligence matters.   25X1

4. I can only underscore the importance which I attach to the development of a routine and integrated mechanism to ensure the timely dissemination of all foreign positive intelligence obtained by the US Customs Service to the Intelligence Community. I understand that consideration of practical recommendations to resolve these questions is already underway and want to assure you of both my encouragement and strong support.   25X1

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Cheers

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